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DR. EGGMAN



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-AMASH
+steve.

Welcome to the planet Mobius -- a world beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Dr. Eggman has tracked his wayward lackey to the Dragon Kingdom! But is Dr. Eggman the hunter -- or the hunted?

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PREVIOUSLY...

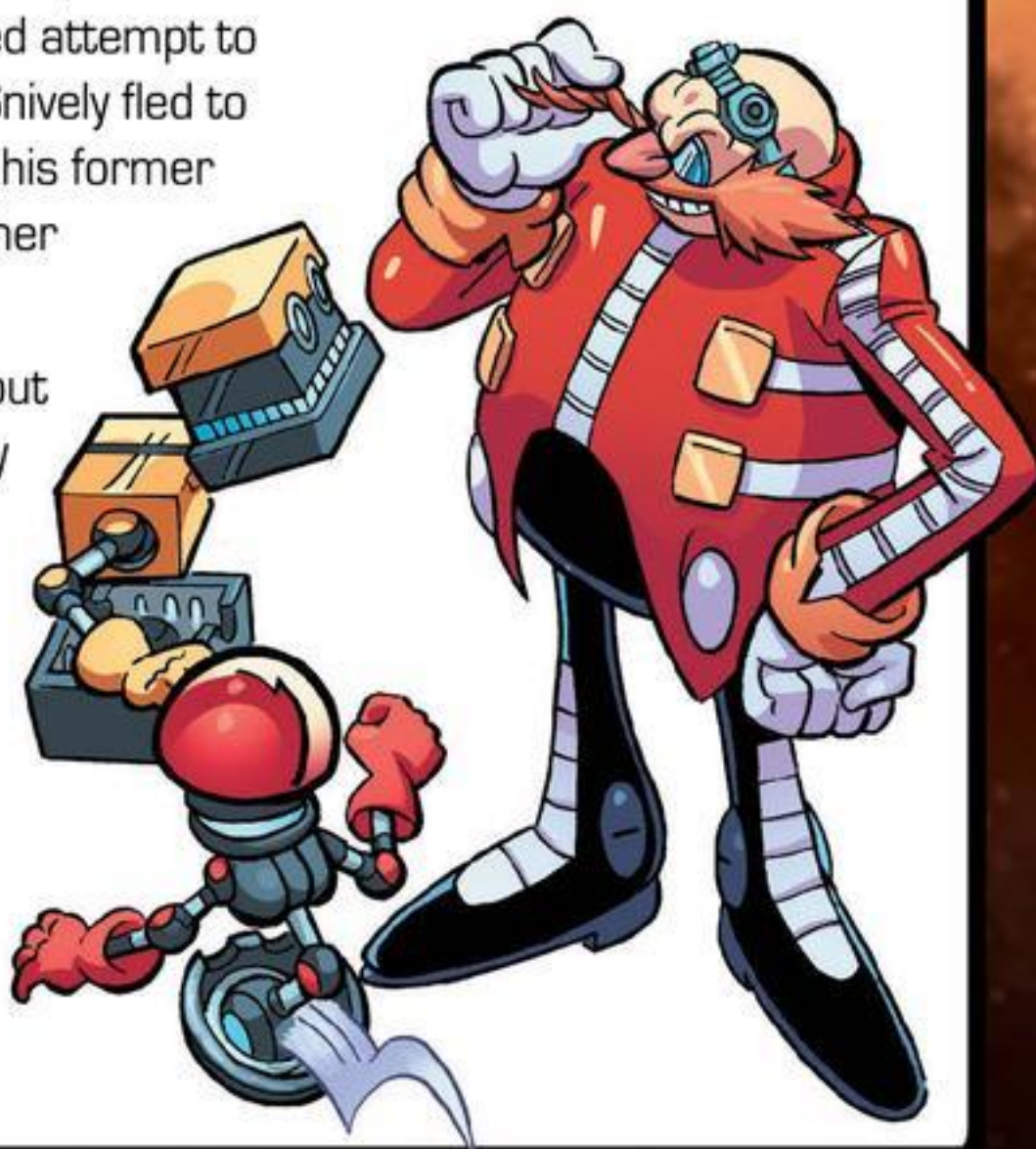


Doctor Eggman and his evil Eggman Empire have been on quite the winning streak lately! With the launch of his latest battle station and roboticization of Sonic's teammate and main squeeze, Sally Acorn, you're lookin' at one jolly evil genius!

Jolly, that is, until his faithful servant and lackey for years, Snively, turned traitor to the Empire and launched a daring escape! After a failed attempt to recruit his kid sister, Hope, Snively fled to the Dragon Kingdom to free his former flame, the Iron Queen, from her prison cell.

Although things didn't work out exactly as he planned, Snively managed to commandeer a piece of ancient armor in hopes to finish off the Eggman once and for all!

With both master and apprentice poised and ready, Eggman and Snively enter their **FINAL BATTLE...**



DR. EGGMAN
EVIL DICTATOR



SNIVELY
TREACHEROUS LACKEY
IRON QN1 PILOT



IRON QUEEN
RECENTLY RESCUED VILLAIN,
SNIVELY'S UN-EX-GIRLFRIEND



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SCRAMBLED PART FOUR:

IN THE
NAME *of*

LOVE!

AM I SUPPOSED
TO BE IMPRESSED?

IN A MINUTE, YOU WON'T
BE ANYTHING!

I HAVE THE MASSIVE
WEAPON. / I HAVE MY
DARLING REGINA. / YOU
HAVE NOTHING. / THE
EGGMAN EMPIRE IS
MINE!

NOT TO BE A
PESSIMIST, BOSS,
BUT HE HAS A POINT!

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THEN WHY
DON'T YOU GET
MY ROBOT WHILE
I STALL THAT
RUNT?

AH, JUST AS
BEFORE.
UNDERSTOOD,
BOSS!



I'M SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE
ALL THIS WAS YOUR DESIGN?
BAH./ YOU'RE THE PER-
SONIFICATION OF "INEPT"!/
NOW GET DOWN OFF
THAT THING BEFORE
YOU HURT YOURSELF!

DR.
EGGMAN
EVIL
GENIUS



SNIVELY
TREACHEROUS
UNDERLING



IT WAS MY PLAN!
ALL OF IT!!

I SENT THE WHOLE
DARK EGG LEGION
INTO DISARRAY!

I WENT AROUND THE
WORLD RALLYING THOSE
I CARE ABOUT WHILE
YOU RAN YOURSELF
RAGGED TRYING TO HOLD
YOUR EMPIRE TOGETHER!

AND NOW, WITH MY BELOVED AT
MY SIDE, WE'LL CRUSH YOU AND
TAKE THE EMPIRE FOR
OURSELVES! ALL
ACCORDING TO
MY PLAN!



IRON QUEEN
REGINA FERRUM--
TECHNOMAGE &
DEPOSED TYRANT

EXCEPT I HAD THE
D.E.L. UNDER CONTROL
WITHIN AN HOUR, AND
YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING
SCARED
SINCE.*



TH-THAT'S NOT
ACCURATE
AT ALL!!

*SLI
#37-39--
THE REST
OF THE
EGGMAN
ARC!





IT HAS TAKEN SO LONG TO GET YOU UNDER CONTROL, I MAY AS WELL MAKE THE BEST OF IT. PLAN "A" -- NOW I THROW A MONKEY AT THEM!



ARRR... HOW ABOUT THIS 'UN?

CUBOT HAS A BROKEN VOICE CHIP

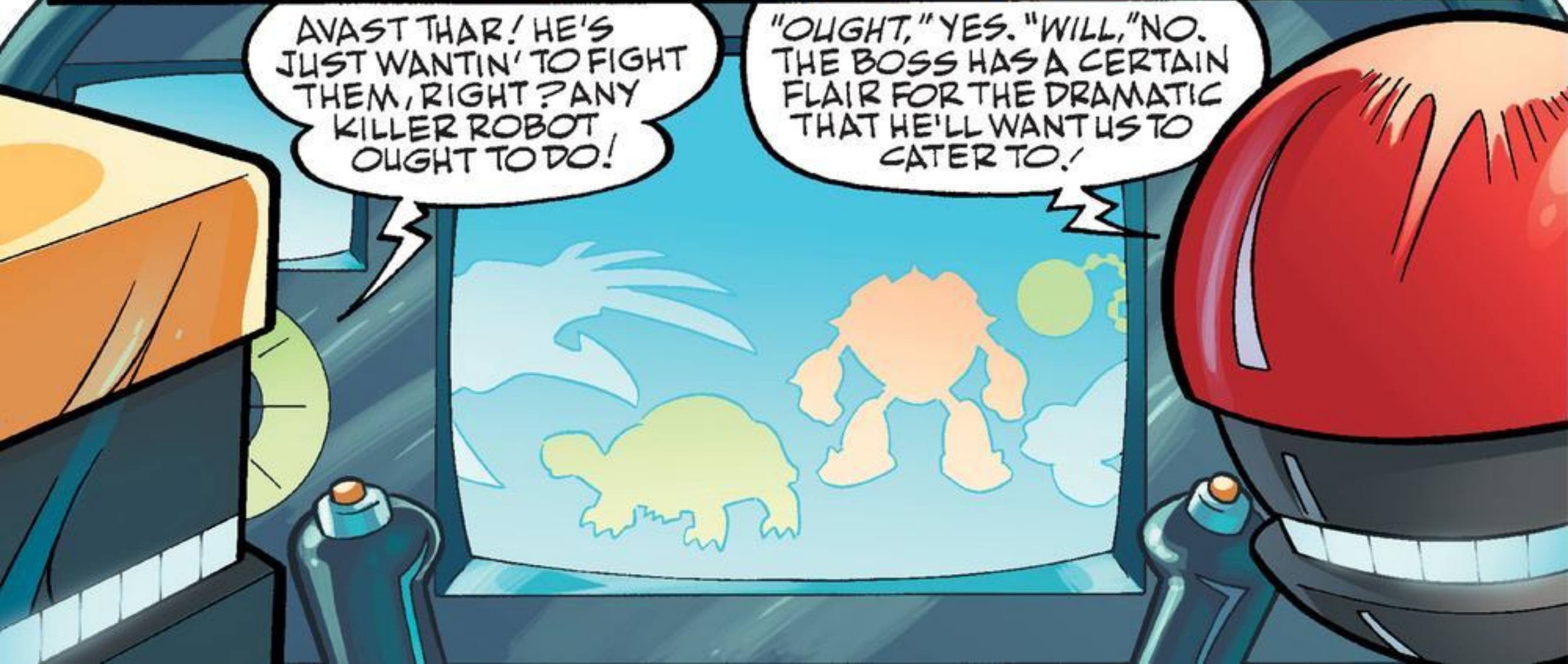


NO-NO-NO! HE NEEDS SOMETHING MORE TERRESTRIAL!

ORBOT KNOW-IT-ALL

AVAST THAR! HE'S JUST WANTIN' TO FIGHT THEM, RIGHT? ANY KILLER ROBOT OUGHT TO DO!

"OUGHT," YES. "WILL," NO. THE BOSS HAS A CERTAIN FLAIR FOR THE DRAMATIC THAT HE'LL WANT US TO CATER TO!





GET THIS THING RUNNING, DEAR. MY MAGIC MIGHT BE LIMITED WITHOUT MY STAFF, BUT I CAN STILL HANDLE THIS PEST!

RIGHT AWAY, SUGAR-DUMP-LING!

THE DOCTOR SAVED ME THE TROUBLE OF REMOVING YOUR POWER RING CROWN. NOW, LIKE ANY OTHER MACHINE, YOU ARE MINE TO CONTROL!



MREE-HEE-HEE-HEE!! DESTROY THE DOCTOR!

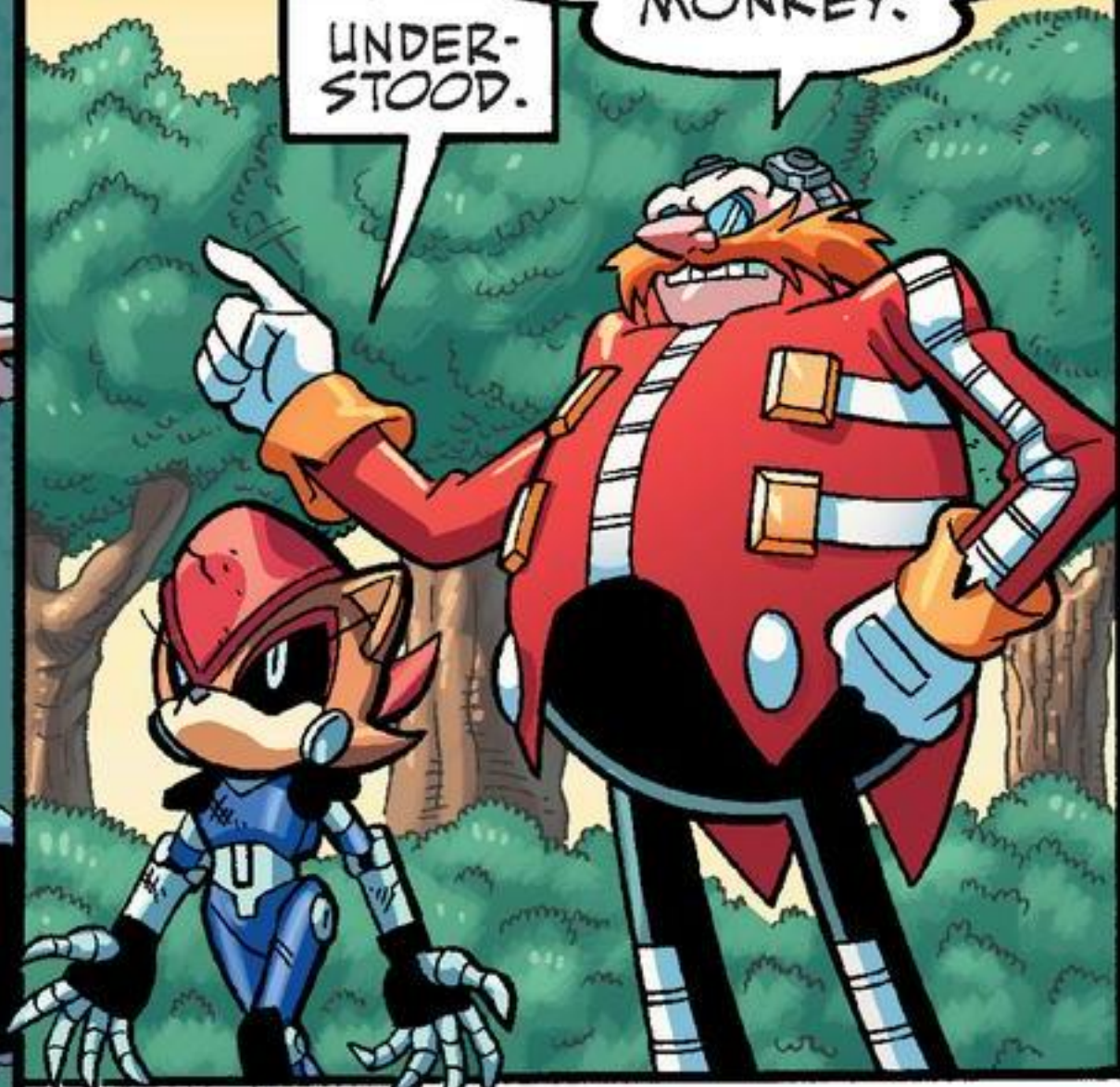
BY YOUR GLORIOUS COMMAND!

RETURNING TO ACTIVE DUTY, SIR.

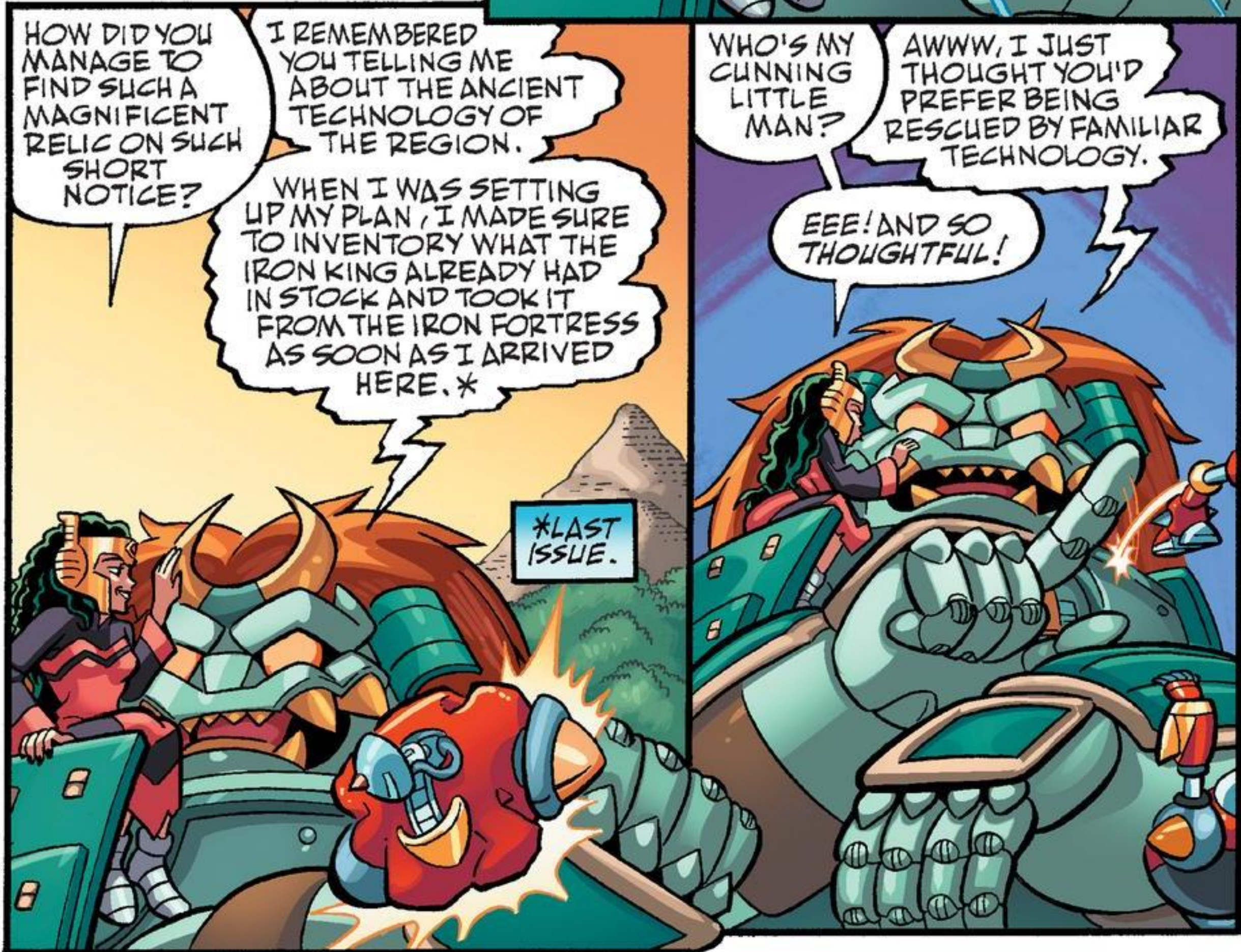
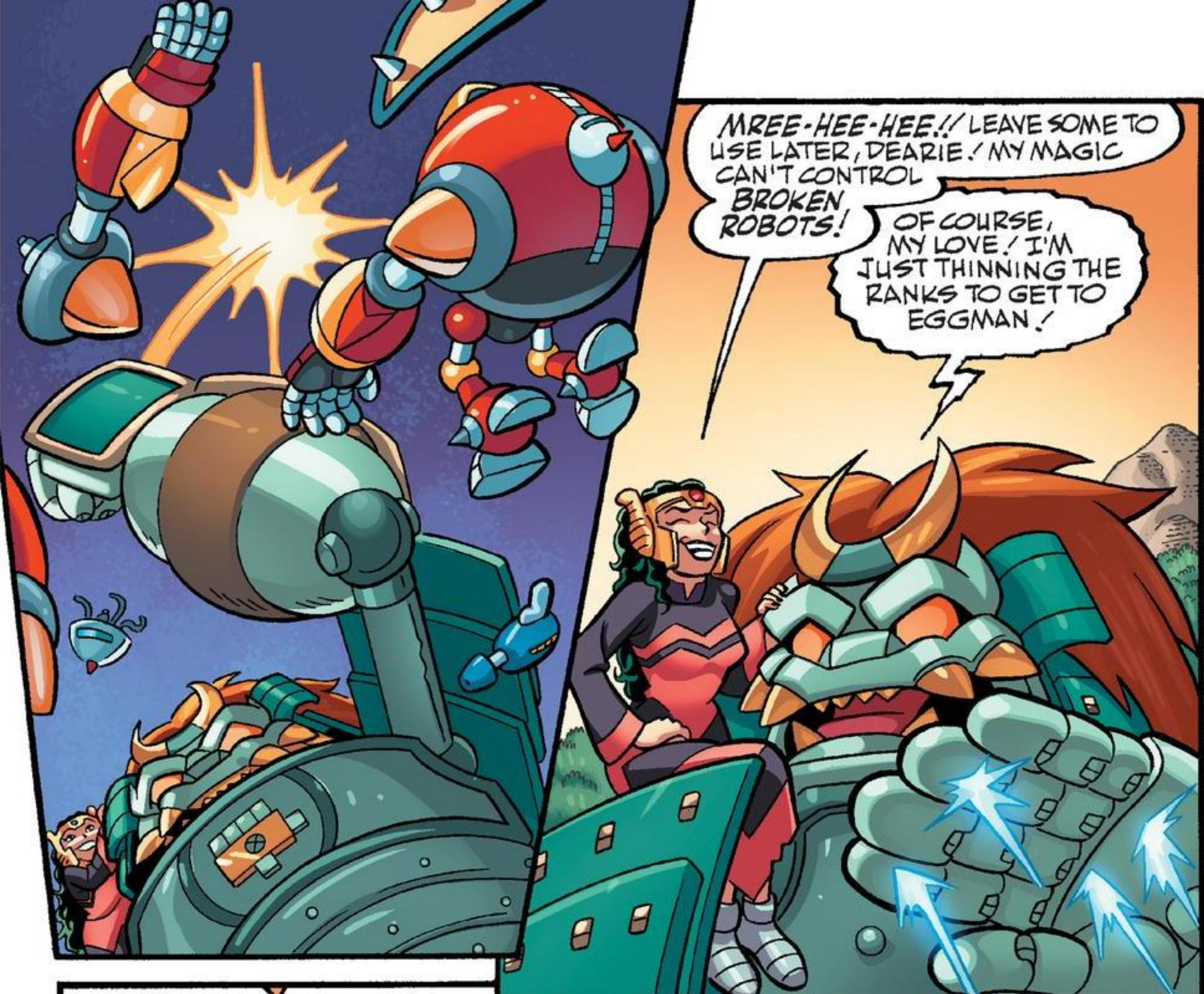
GOOD. SHE TURNED MONKEY-BOY A LOT FASTER THAN I EVER THOUGHT SHE WOULD. NOW FOR PLAN "B" -- THROW A ROBOTICIZED CHIPMUNK AT THE MONKEY.

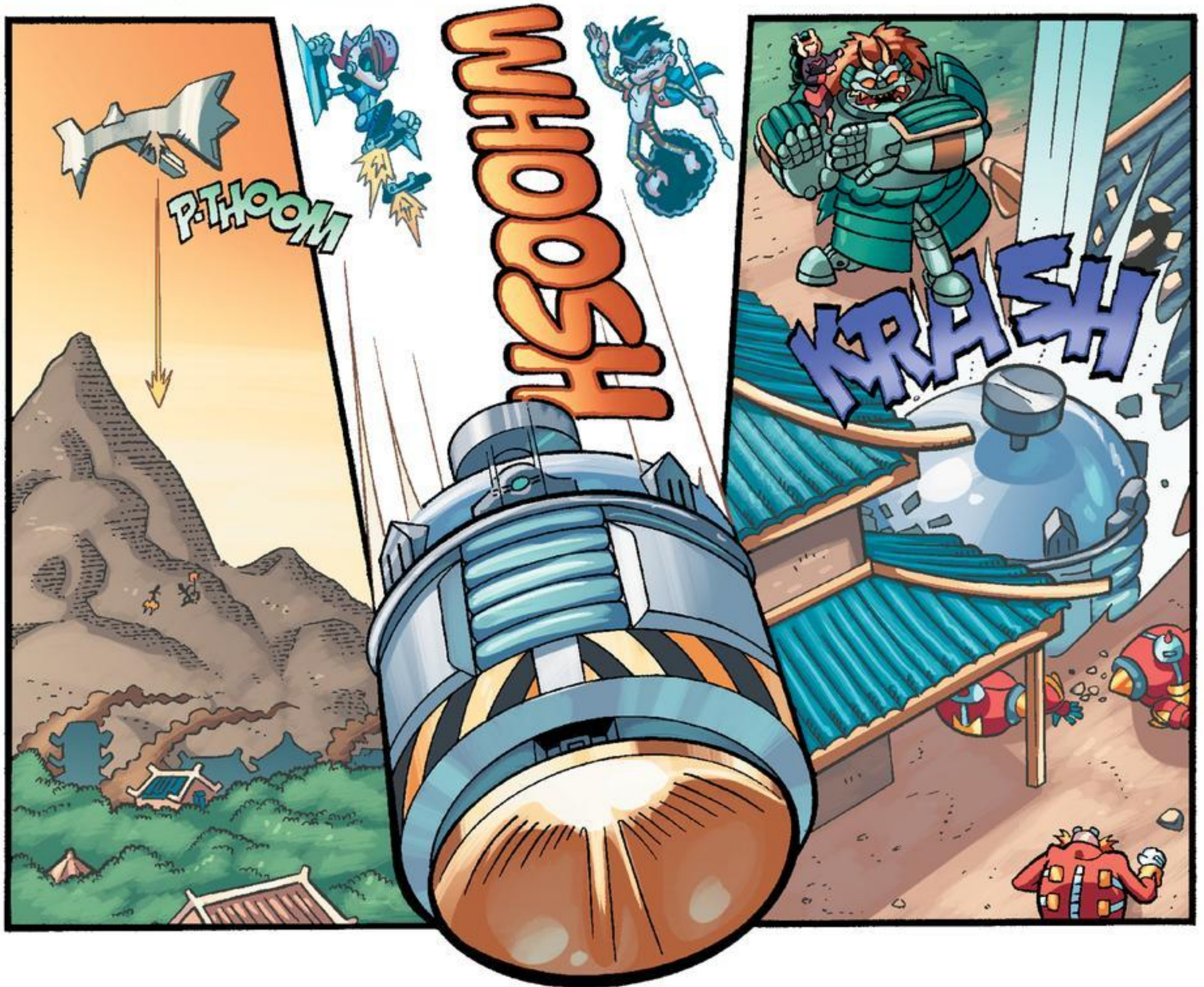
UNDERSTOOD.

IRON KHAN
MAGICALLY-CONTROLLED
CYBORG SIMIAN





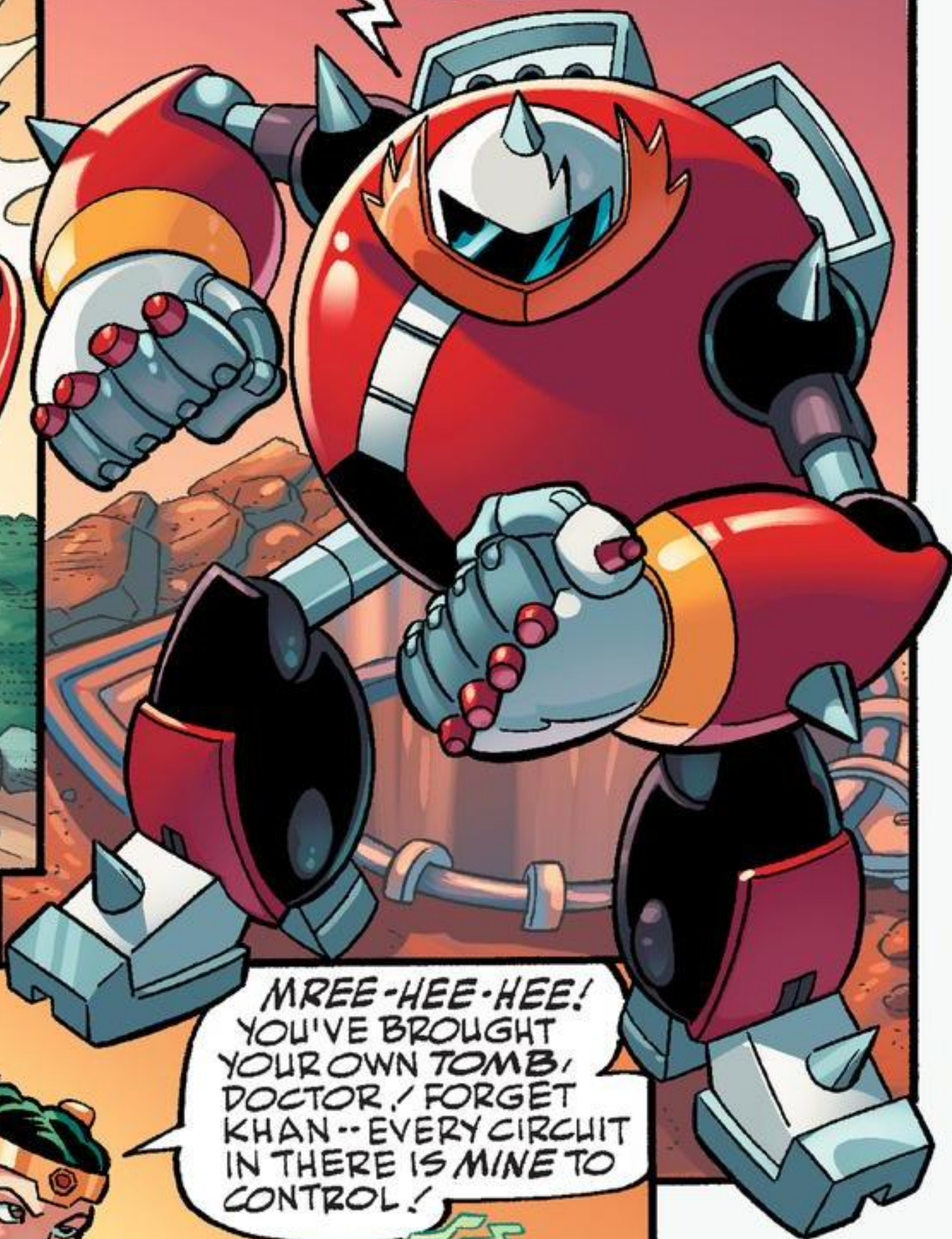






AND NOW
FOR PLAN
"C"!

GET A LOAD
OF **THIS!**



OH, THIS IS TOO EASY. CARE
TO DO THE HONORS, MY
LOVE?

MREE-HEE-HEE!
YOU'VE BROUGHT
YOUR OWN TOMB,
DOCTOR. / FORGET
KHAN-- EVERY CIRCUIT
IN THERE IS MINE TO
CONTROL!



WHAT CIRCUITS?!
THIS BABY IS MADE
FROM CERAMICS,
PLASTICS, AND IS
RUN ON PRECISION-
ALIGNED TENSION
CHORDS!
IT'S IMMUNE TO
YOUR MAGIC!

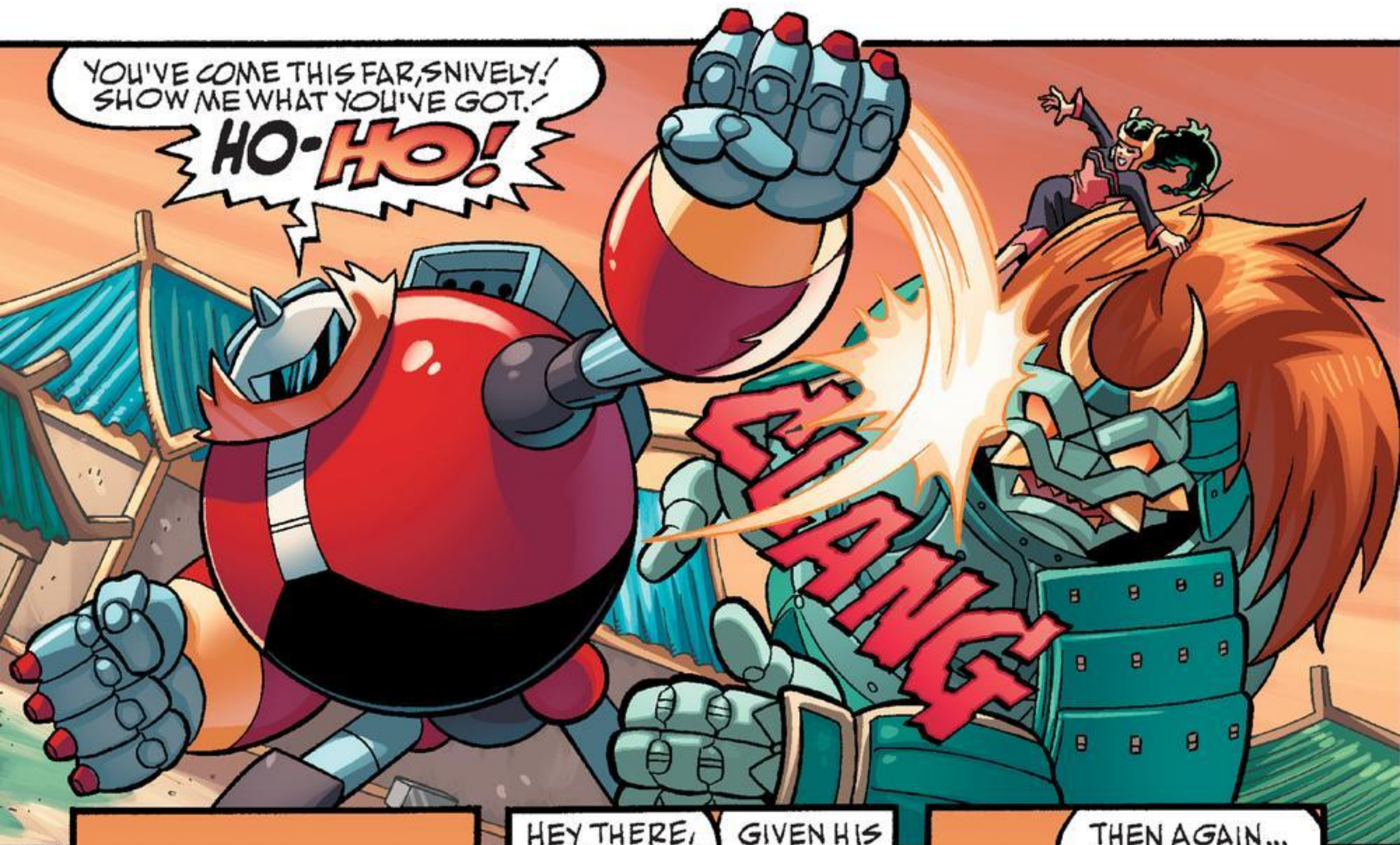
OH... WELL THEN.
NOW WHAT,
SNOOKUMS?

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN,
"NOW WHAT?!"

YOU'VE GOT THE
WALKING ARMOR!

HIT HIM!





YOU'VE COME THIS FAR, SNIVELY!
SHOW ME WHAT YOU'VE GOT.

HO-HO!

CLANG!

GOOD SHOW,
BOSS. GIVE
HIM WHAT
FOR.

SHIVER
HIS TIMBERS,
CAP'N!

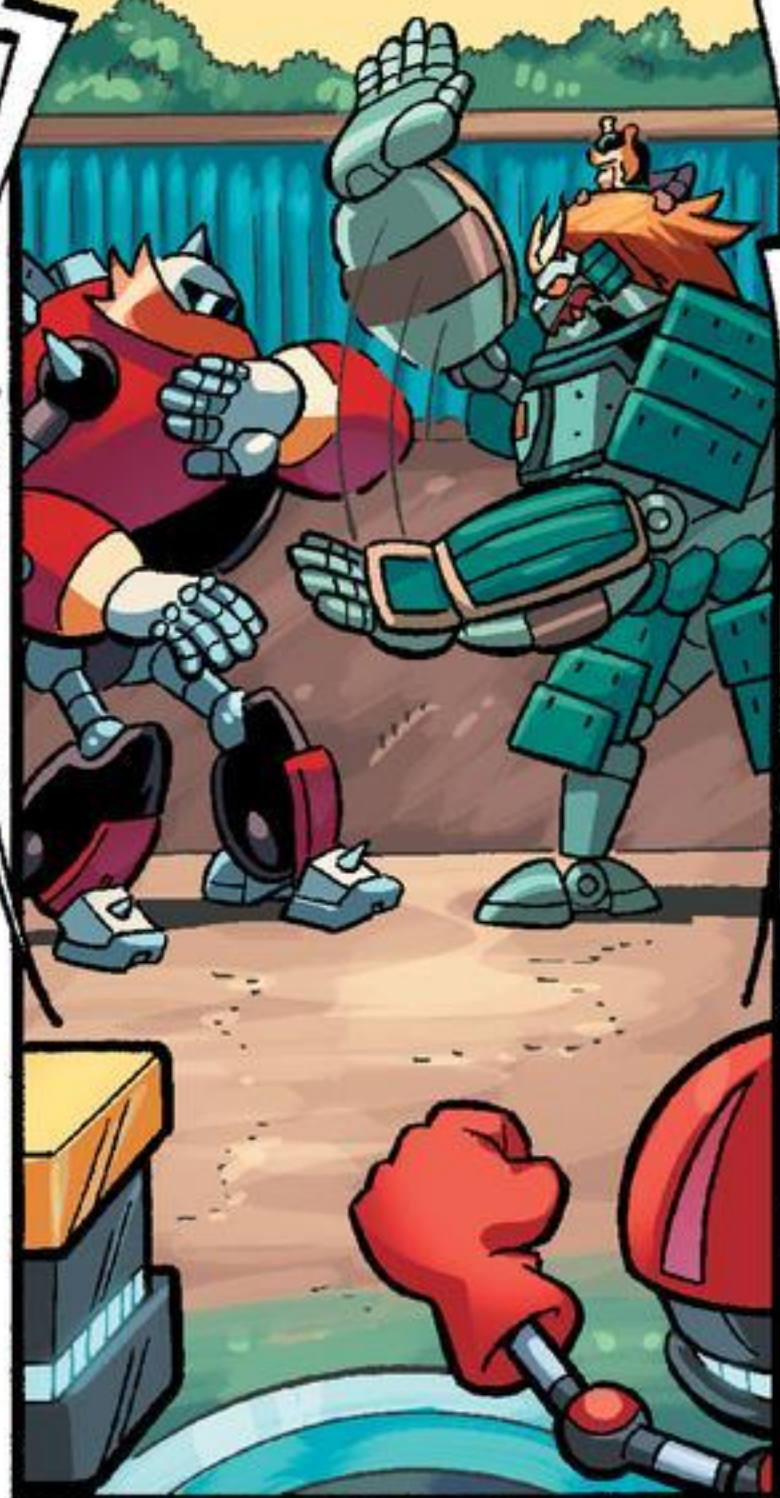
HEY THERE,
SKIPPER.
FIFTY
MOBILMS
SAYS THE
CAP'N NEVER
TAKES A
HIT.

GIVEN HIS
HISTORY,
I THINK
IT'S A SAFE
BET HE
WILL
TAKE
SOME

DAMAGE.
I'LL SEE YOUR
FIFTY AND RAISE
YOU AN
OIL
CHANGE!

THEN AGAIN...
I DON'T THINK
IT'S WISE
BETTING
AGAINST
THE BOSS!

OH, RIGHT.
THE CAP'N
MIGHT TAKE
OFFENSE
AT THAT!





DON'T YOU
DARE FAIL ME
NOW! I CAN'T
CONTROL KHAN
AT THIS RANGE
AND FIGHT
FOR YOU!

I'M FINE, DEAR!
RRGHH! YOU MIGHT
HAVE THE SLIGHT
EDGE AS A PILOT--

"SLIGHT"?
HA!!

--BUT THIS ANCIENT
TECH IS HARDIER THAN
YOU'D IMAGINE!
YOU'LL BREAK
BEFORE I DO!



Oh, I
KNOW.
TIME FOR
PLAN'D!

ORBOT! CUBOT!
I NEED MY
OMNI-TOOL!



ARR... WHY DO
I HAVE TO BE
THE BOOSTER
SEAT?

HE'S UP TO
SOMETHING!
STOP HIM,
YOU
IDIOT!!



I CAN'T!

WE'RE LOCKED
TOGETHER,
AND HE'S GOT
THE COCKPIT
BLOCKED
SHUT!



GOOD. NOW, GET
OUT OF RANGE BEFORE
SHE USES HER MAGIC
AND MAKES YOU TWO
MORE OF A
PROBLEM!

RIGHT AWAY,
O THANKFUL
ONE!



**BLAST,
IT ALL!**

RETURN
TO YOUR
MASTER,
KHAN!



BY INCREASING THE
PRESSURE HERE... AND
SHIFTING THE
BALANCE
THERE...

THE
MISTRESS
SUMMONS...
GRHK!!



Oh-ho-ho!
SUCH A
SPLENDID
OLD-WORLD
DESIGN!



I ALMOST
HATE TO DO
THIS TO IT!

ALMOST. PLAN 'E'--
APPLY PRESSURE TO
THE NEWLY-SABO-
TAGED ROBOT
AND--





YOU--KZZT!--
ARE ABOUT TO
DESTROY THIS
UNIT. YOU CAN-
NOT--KZZT--
YOU WOULD
NOT. YOU LOVE
--KZZT--ME.

LOVE IS FOR
THE WEAK!
I SERVE
ONLY MY--!

--QUEEN...?

THREAT
NO LONGER--KZZT--
DETECTED. GOING
INTO EMERGENCY
STAND-BY MODE--
KZZT-- TO PREVENT
FURTHER DAMAGE...

WHERE
AM I...

Wha...
SALLY?!

HOW TOUCHING.
I'M SURROUNDED
BY SENTIMENTAL
COUPLES.

I'M HERE,
SAL... I'M
HERE...



YOU'RE QUITE THE TERROR WHEN UNDER QUEENIE'S CONTROL. YOU SHOULD BE PROUD. NO? TOO BAD. WITH THIS MUCH DAMAGE AND WITHOUT A POWER RING, YOU'RE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO TAKE ME ON.

I KNOW.

AND I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN REPAIR THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE.

I KNOW.



IT'S BEEN A LONG, TIRING DAY, AND I DON'T FEEL LIKE CLEANING UP. SO, UNLIKE LAST TIME, YOU CAN HAVE ALL THE VILLAGERS I HAD IMPRISONED*. I'LL TERRORIZE THEM ANOTHER DAY.

OH, AND YOU'LL WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THOSE FIRES, mmm?



*STH#87



AS SOON AS I'M HEALED... SOON AS THE PEOPLE ARE SAFE... I'M COMING FOR YOU.

WHEN I'M THROUGH... ALL THAT WILL BE LEFT OF YOU... WILL BE A BAD MEMORY.



BWA-HA-HA-HA!

OH! OH, MY! YOU KEEP TELLING YOURSELF THAT, MONKEY-BOY! HAHAAHAHA!!

LATER...

ugh...
WH--WH--

WHERE
AM I?

IT'S
ABOUT
TIME
YOU
WOKE
UP.

WE'RE AT A
LEGION BASE
WITHIN UNITED
FEDERATION
TERRITORY.

I'VE BEEN PUT
THROUGH A LOT
OF TROUBLE
OVER THE PAST
FEW DAYS.

TROUBLE, I
REALIZE NOW, I
COULD HAVE
AVOIDED FROM
THE START.

SAVE YOUR
THREATS.

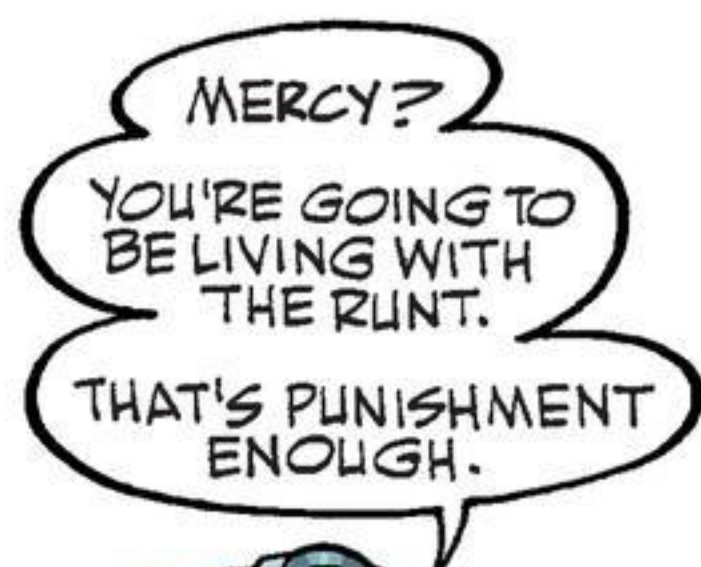
FINISH ME
OFF AND BE
THROUGH
WITH IT.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I
MEANT. IF I'D BELIEVED
IN YOUR--UGH!--ROMANCE,
I COULD'VE KEPT YOU
TWO HAPPILY AT BAY
WHILE GETTING MY
WORK DONE.

NORMALLY, I'D TRY
TO DENY YOU BOTH
TO GET MY WAY...

... BUT I THINK
I'LL TRY A DIF-
FERENT TACTIC
THIS TIME.

REGINA!
DARLING!





MREE-HEE-HEE!!
OH, SNIVY-KINS, THIS IS PERFECT!
I CAN RENEW MY TECHNOMANCY
CULT WITHIN THE FEDERATION!

I'LL HAVE NEWER
MACHINERY AT MY BECK
AND CALL!



Mmm-hmm-hmm!
AND A WHOLE STRIKE
TEAM OF CYBORG
MANLY-MEN AT MY
DISPOSAL!

ALL OF THEM
COMPLETELY
PRONE TO MY
TECHNO-
MANCY!



THE DOCTOR JUST HANDED
US THE KEYS TO HIS
DESTRUCTION!

OH, DARLING! THIS
IS WONDERFUL!
WE'LL BE SO
HAPPY!

YES,
DEAR.
WHAT-
EVER
YOU
SAY!



LATER
STILL...

...AND SO YOU SEE,
IN THE END, IT ALL WORKS
OUT PRETTY WELL... FOR
ME. THE DARK EGG
LEGION IS EVEN
MORE UNDER MY
THUMB THAN
BEFORE.

G.U.N.'S SUFFERED HEAVY
LOSSES, THE U.F. IS SHAKEN,
AND NOW THAT I KNOW THAT
LITTLE TURN-COAT HOPE IS
WITH THEM, I CAN DIRECT
THE LEGION TO SINGLE HER
OUT.

I'M SURE THAT
MAKES YOU
HAPPY.



I'VE FRESHENED
UP THE GRANDMASTER
ROSTER, TERRORIZED
SOME MOBIANS, AND
BROKEN HEROIC
MORALE ACROSS
THE BOARD!

BEST
OF ALL--

--YOU
BROUGHT
YOUR A-GAME,
AND I
STILL
WON!



THANKS TO THOSE
INFILTRATOR COPIES
YOU MADE OF YOUR-
SELF, REGINA THINKS
YOU'RE AT HER SIDE.

SHE'LL BE QUITE
CONTENT WITH AN
EVER-OBEDIENT "YOU,"
SO I DOUBT SHE'LL
FIGURE IT OUT. NOT
IMMEDIATELY,
ANYWAY.

AS FOR YOU-YOU,
WELL... *NOBODY*
KNOWS YOU'RE
HERE EXCEPT FOR
ME. AND IT'S GOING
TO STAY THAT WAY
FOR THE REST OF
YOUR LIFE.

GAME OVER,
SNIVELY.

THANKS FOR
PLAYING.

THE EVIL DR. EGGMAN WILL ENDURE!
TO FIGHT HIM, WE'LL NEED EVEN
MORE HEROES. HOW ABOUT SOME...
SECRET FREEDOM FIGHTERS?!

UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG, THE SONIC SUPER SPECIAL
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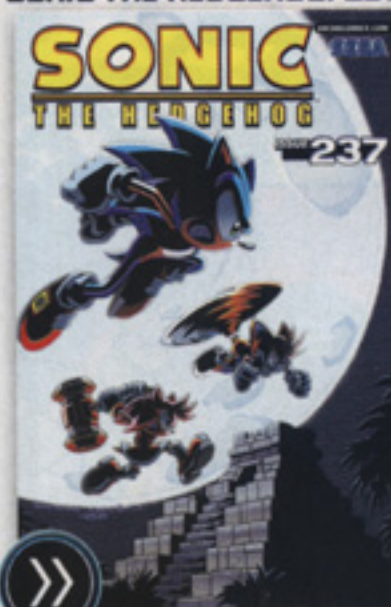


THE TIME HAS COME FOR
**UNSUNG
HEROES!**

THE NEW COVERT TEAM OF
FREEDOM FIGHTERS DEBUTS IN
**SECRET FREEDOM
PART 1 (of 4)**

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 06/26/12!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: 237



**TEAM FIGHTERS
TAKES CHARGE!**

TROUBLE ARISES IN THE
WOLFPACK NATION AS THE
D.E.L. MAKES ITS MOVE IN...

"LOYALTY PART 1"

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 06/05/12

Dear 'My Sonic
Universe,'

I have a question...
Will Silver and Blaze
ever meet in the
comics?

Sincerely,
Mason from LA

*Short and sweet,
I like it! Blaze
is currently out
searching for the
Sol Emeralds, but
who knows if that
will bring her path to
an intersection with
everyone's favorite
time-hopping
hedgehog? Only
time, and possibly
lan, can tell!*

Dear 'My Sonic
Universe,'

What's up, My Sonic
Universe?

*Eggman's risk for
heart disease!*

This is my first letter,
I've been meaning to
write in for a while.
I've been reading
the comic for about
a year now, but it is
AWESOME. I love how
polished everything
looks and how much
everything ties in with
Sonic the Hedgehog
-- you guys do a really
good job.

Aww shucks!

I want to first say
how epic Ben Bates
and Jamal Peppers'
artwork looks. Some
of my favorite covers
are from Ben Bates,
and the way Jamal
Peppers is working
right now is really
great. The books

look beautiful! I also
loved the reference
to "Mystery Science
Theater 3000" in
SU #38. That was it,
right? It was clever,
and it really works
with Eggman's current
situation.

*That WAS it! And
thanks to all the fans
who wrote in with
the correct answer
to that question!
As for Ben and
Jamal, c'mon they're
the best ever! But
let's not forget the
awesomeness of
Tracy Yardley! and
Steven Butler and
Evan Stanley and
Jon Gray and the
penciller-perfection
list goes on and on!*

I think I'll ask for "the
usual" next:

I love a good "usual"!

I remember reading
somewhere (I think it
was Sonic Grams) that
the Iron Queen would
make an appearance
in the future (besides
a cameo in an earlier
issue of StH). Could
this be it? Her meeting
with Snively, if he gets
to her? I was surprised
to read that he was in
love with her-- I picked
up the series right
after the Iron Dominion
Saga was over, and
missed that part. But,
I suppose it makes
sense... somehow...

*Cubot summed it up
best: "ARR -- THAT
NOT BE NATURAL!"*

How many Metal

Sonics does
Eggman have??? It
seemed he only had
one during the fight
in StH 234, since
Snively was so mad
that Eggman set
it to self-destruct,
but here, he's back,
polished and ready
to go! Does he
have one he just
rebuilds, or does he
have millions at his
control?

*He's rebuilding
Metal Sonic...
repeatedly. And to
ol' Eggy's credit,
it's not easy to
keep up with
Sonic's ability to
obliterate 'bots!*

Hope everything
works out alright
with Sally. Man.
What a twist. I miss
two issues and THIS
happens! But she
doesn't seem totally
gone. She's still got
an attitude, that's for
sure.

*Mecha Sally is one
tough cookie with
an attitude to boot!*

I think that's it for
me. Good luck with
everything, Sonic--
You will sure need
it! And good luck to
Shadow to pull Team
Dark together after
what happened to
Hope and Omega
in #38!

Member of the
(Team) Dark side,
Sara D.

sent to sonic@
archiecomics.com

Thanks, Sara!

IT'S YOUR SONIC UNIVERSE!

We want your input! Write & tell us what you're likin', lovin', or what's leaving you
in the dust! Remember, include "My Sonic Universe" in the subject line on your
letter or e-mail! It's your Sonic Universe, after all, so drop us a line!